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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ

REF: STATE 294995

1. WELCOME PROPOSED CODEL SOLARZ VISIT ON DATES INDICATED.
CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE FSO JOHN B. CRAIG. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED HILTON FOR DEC. 18-22.

2. WE ARE IN PROCESS DRAWING UP SCHEDULE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL. IT INITIALLY OCCURS TO US THAT TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA MAY NOT BE BEST WAY TO SPEND ONE OF ONLY THREE WORKING DAYS IN EGYPT. VISIT TO CANAL WILL AFFORD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AID PROJECTS AND TO OBSERVE EGYPTIAN AGRICULTURE. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS EXPLAINED WE HAVE AS YET NO ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN EGYPT. ROUND TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA REQUIRES MINIMUM SEVEN HOURS TRAVELING TIME; IN ADDITION, NONE OF CONTACTS REQUESTED REFTEL COULD BE MADE THERE. WHILE WE WILL DEFER TO CODEL'S WISHES, IN TERMS OF ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVES MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL, BELIEVE TIME WOULD BE BETTER SPENT CONTINUING EXTENSIVE CONTACTS IN CAIRO. USUAL PROBLEM OF UNCERTAINTY OVER EXACT TIME OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IS ALSO CONSIDERATION IN OUR RECOMMENDATION ALEXANDRIA VISIT BE ELIMINATED.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROACH CODEL SOLARZ WITH ABOVE COMMENTS
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